

In the Claims:

Claim 11 (Twice Amended): In the Patent
Column 7:

The composite board of Claim 1 wherein the
copolymer has a T_g of from about [85°] 86° to about [120°C]
110°C.

REMARKS

In the submission to the Office of March 13, 1991, Patent Owner's Statement, there was an expression of the Requester's intent to amend the specification and the claims of the patent under reexamination to the literal range of the examples of the parent case. In making the proposed amendment to Claim 11, there is a typographical error, in that the lower end of the range should have been changed to 86°, from 85°, where in fact the amendment as written in the previous submission made no change. It was the Patent Owner's intention to correct this typographical error by amendment to Claim 11, which conforms the range of the claim to that of the specification as amended, in the Response of June 28, 1991. We have been advised by Paralegal Weaver of the technical impropriety therein, which has been corrected in the present amendment to Claim 11 above. The help of the Office in advancing this Reexamination Proceeding is appreciated.

Since there is no statement in the Office Action in Reexamination mailed May 21, 1991, that the proposed amendments have been entered, it is hereby requested that the previously submitted amendments and the correction amendment above be entered.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7,8, 10 and 11 of the patent under reexamination have been rejected under 35 §102 as

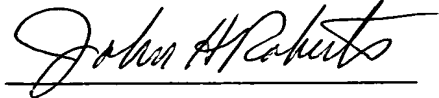
being anticipated by Dotzauer et al (DE 34 38 388.3), and Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, 16, 17, 19 and 21 of the patent under reexamination have been rejected under 35 §103 as being unpatentable over Dotzauer et al.

Patent No. 4,863,979 under reexamination is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 928,237 filed November 7, 1986. The claims of the patent in this Reexamination have been amended to define ranges having literal basis in the parent application, so as to be unquestionably entitled to the benefits of the filing date of that application on November 7, 1986.

The effective date of the Dotzauer et al reference in the United States is April 24, 1986. By means of the enclosed Affidavits of William H. Keskey and Robert S. Beyersdorf, the inventors of the patent under reexamination, the Requester hereby proves that the present invention was conceived and reduced to practice prior to April 24, 1986, by acts occurring within the United States and that the inventors have not abandoned, suppressed or concealed the invention. Accordingly, the reference is not available under 35 USC §102(a), 35 USC §103 or any other statutory provision.

Thus, DE 34 38 388.3 is not a prior art reference with regard to the invention of the patent under reexamination. Therefore, reconsideration of the claims under reexamination is clearly in order. Confirmation of Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, 16, 17, 19 and 21 of the patent under reexamination as being patentable is respectfully requested.

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